

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessie M. Roberson, of Alabama, and A.J. Eggenberger, of Montana, each to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, John F. Potter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Department of Defense, and 1,879 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

NATO STRATEGIC CONCEPT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the United States national security implications of the 1999 NATO Strategic Concept, after receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson III, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Lawrence S. Eagleburger, former Secretary of State.

GLOBAL ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the role of standards in the growth of global economic commerce, focusing on the ability of systems built and operated by different parties to exchange and process information, after receiving testimony from Andrew J. Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Andrew B. Whinston, University of Texas College of Business Administration, Austin, on behalf of the Center for Research in Electronic Commerce; Randy Whiting, CommerceNet, Cupertino, California; Glenn Habern, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas; and Daniel Schutzer, Citigroup, New York, New York, on behalf of the Financial Services Technology Consortium.

MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness concluded hearings to examine the current state of the machine tool industry, focusing on the role the industry plays in national manufacturing and what can be done to improve its international competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Representatives Manzullo and Neal; and John F. Logan, DT Industries, McLean, Virginia, Jeffrey A. Clevenger, SMS Group, Inc., Saginaw, Michigan, and David W. Danjczek, UNOVA, Inc., Washington, D.C., all on

behalf of the Association of Manufacturing Technology.

FEDERAL HYDROELECTRIC LICENSING PROCESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded oversight hearings on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydroelectric licensing process, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Smith, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; David J. Hayes, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Jack Craven, Director of Lands, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Andrew Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Joseph W. Prueher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Stevens, Inouye, Frist, and former Senator Brock, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Israel, and Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Joshua Gotbaum, of New York, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1750, to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, with amendments;

H.R. 764, to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1769, to continue reporting requirements of section 2519 of title 18, United States Code, beyond December 21, 1999, with amendments;

S. 1764, to make technical corrections to various antitrust laws and to references to such laws;

S. 1455, to enhance protections against fraud in the offering of financial assistance for college education, with an amendment;

S. Res. 204, designating the week beginning November 21, 1999, and the week beginning on November 19, 2000, as "National Family Week"; and

The nomination of John W. Marshall, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

VIACOM/CBS MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings on media competition and consolidation

issues, focusing on the proposed acquisition of CBS by Viacom, after receiving testimony from Senator Wellstone; Sumner M. Redstone, Viacom, Inc., Mel Karmazin, CBS Corporation, and Lawrence K. Grossman, all of New York, New York; Andrew J. Schwartzman, Media Access Project, Washington, D.C.; and David Waterman, Indiana University Department of Telecommunications, Bloomington.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 3161–3183; 1 private bill, H.R. 3184; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 213–216 and H. Res. 346–347, were introduced. Pages H11143–44

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1533, to compensate the Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma for the taking of certain rights by the Federal Government (H. Rept. 106–421);

H.R. 2632, to designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness (H. Rept. 106–422, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1838, to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, amended (H. Rept. 106–423, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3073, to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for grants for projects designed to promote responsible fatherhood, amended (H. Rept. 106–424, Pt. 1). Page H11143

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Luke Torian of Dumfries, Virginia. Page H11069

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, October 27, by a yea and nay vote of 370 yeas to 49 nays, with one voting "present", Roll No. 545. Pages H11069, H11074–75

Funeral of the Late Senator John H. Chafee: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 341, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Committee to Attend the Funeral of the Late Senator John H. Chafee of

the State of Rhode Island: Representatives Kennedy, Weygand, Shuster, Waxman, and Petri. Page H11122

Barry Goldwater Scholarship For Excellence in Education Foundation: The Chair announced the Majority Leader's appointment of Representative Stump to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship For Excellence in Education Foundation. Page H11069

Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 by yea and nay vote of 424 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 546. Pages H11075–85

District of Columbia, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the District of Columbia, and for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yea and nay vote of 218 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 549. Pages H11094–H11121

Rejected the Hoyer motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House to disagree to section 1001(e) of Division C (relating to pay for Members of Congress) in the conference substitute by yea and nay vote of 11 yeas to 417 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 548. Page H11120

H. Res. 345, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 221 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 547. Pages H11085–94